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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING BAIT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 1 For Emergency Order #4-FH-K-43-13

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is allowing permit holders to conduct a commercial herring food/bait fishery under the following guidelines:

- 1) Only one vessel will be allowed to fish for the combine at any time.
- 2) Each district will open and close by emergency order from the ADF&G management biologist on the fishing grounds or at the Kodiak ADF&G Office.
- 3) Each district will be closed for the remainder of the season when the guideline harvest level (GHL) is reached.

The South Afognak District (F/B 3) and the Uganik District (F/B 4) will open to commercial herring fishing at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 20, 2013 and will remain open until further notice. The food/bait GHL for the South Afognak District is 99 tons and the GHL for the Uganik District is 180 tons.

The other district that could potentially open, if there is an interest in harvesting herring is the Eastside District (175 tons). The remainder of the Kodiak Area will stay closed to commercial herring fishing. Recent fishery information may be obtained at the Kodiak ADF&G office.